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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites and provides copies of the following art references:

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U.S. 6,082,153 to Schoell et al., *Anti-Tampering Device for Use with Spring-Loaded Electronically Moved Pin Locking Mechanisms in Electronic Locks and the Like*.

Benore et al. '828 shows alternative embodiments using a portable electronic key to drive an electrically actuatable element that regulates movement of the locking mechanism from a locking condition to an unlocking condition, in an electronic safe deposit box system. A print circuit within the safe deposit lock system "is designed to receive electrical power and access core information from an external source, and to actuate in control electro mechanical actuator 96 upon receipt of a proper access code.

Benore et al. '446 shows a portable electrically powered key used to control access to a storage location secured by a cam latch, by releasing a NiTiNOL Wire 190. Three levels of access are set by the Applicant to be possible.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relative arts.

No fee is incurred by filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

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